

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY

## **Voting Members:**

Stanley Chang, Chair; Ann H. Kobayashi, Vice Chair  
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Committee Meeting Held  
February 5, 2014

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin  
Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Works and Sustainability, to which was referred Resolution 14-23 entitled:

**"RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT STUDY TO IDENTIFY AND REPAIR HAZARDOUS SIDEWALK CONDITIONS IN URBAN HONOLULU,"**

introduced on January 28, 2014, reports as follows:

The purpose of this Resolution is to request the City Administration to conduct an assessment study to identify and repair hazardous sidewalk conditions in urban Honolulu.

Art Challacombe, the Deputy Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), testified that the department opposes the Resolution based on the monumental scope of the request and the limited resources available to DPP, as well as the Department of Facility Maintenance, and would prefer to have the existing five- to seven-year backlog of needed sidewalk repairs addressed first.

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Ross Sasamura, the Director of the Department of Facility Maintenance offered clarifying comments on the issue addressed by the Resolution. He explained that sidewalk maintenance and repair is a complex issue and that there are several factors to consider, including ADA compliance and utility conflicts, that may be triggered by a comprehensive repair program to address the five- to seven-year backlog of hazardous sidewalk areas.

Your Committee received testimony from one individual in support of the Resolution.

Written testimony was also received from the Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting in opposition of the Resolution, which provides additional and clarifying information on the matter.

Your Committee on Public Works and Sustainability is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 14-23 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Chang, Kobayashi, Manahan, Menor, Pine - 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,

  
Committee Chair

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